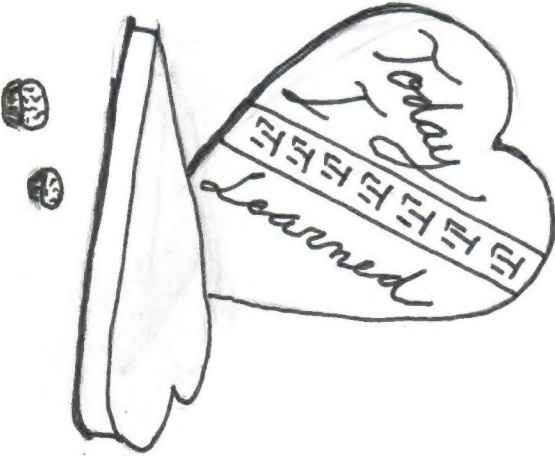


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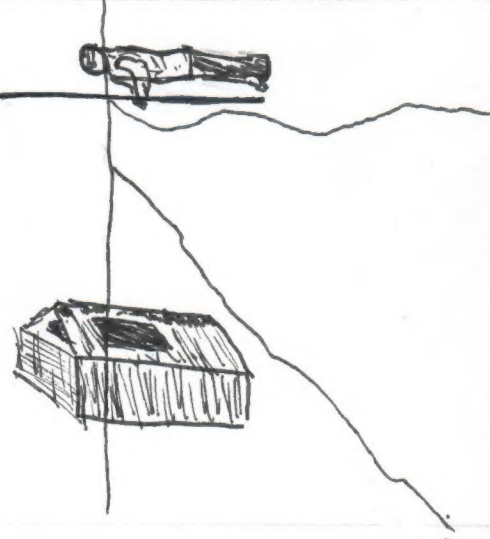
are the source of the phrase "to go pear-shaped", meaning "screwed up."

Thomas Vose, 2/9/22

- Mel Brooks

"Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die."

A "turnpike" got its name from a toll road - it was blocked by a pike until you paid the toll to "turn" it.

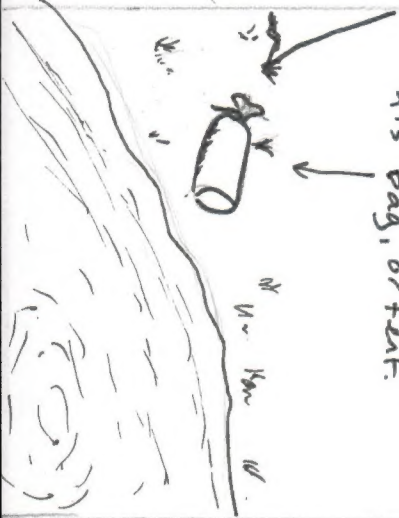


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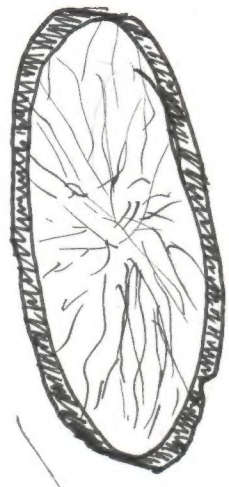
B - Found in German. Pronounced as "ss"

Þ - "Thorn", an extinct English letter - "th" "y" took its place for a while, hence "ye"

D - "Wynn", which served as the "w" sound before the letter "w" existed.



"Waltzing Matilda" is the "unofficial national anthem" of Australia. It's about a transient who steals a sheep off a farm, is chased by the police, and kills himself by jumping in a watering hole to escape. And a "matilda" is his bag, or tent.



The Victoria water lily can support the weight of an adult human.

In WWII, Hershey, at the request of the Army, made a 600-calorie chocolate bar that could withstand up to 120° temperatures.



called "Hershey's Tropical Chocolate," it deliberately tasted terrible, so soldiers would save it for when it was needed.

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